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SUBJECT: SOGANG STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE; SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
AND OTHERS SUSPEND CLASSES

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1. STUDENTS CONTINUED ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS
OCTOBER 17 AND MORE UNIVERSITIES WERE SHUT DOWN, BRINGING
TOTAL OF UNIVERSITIES CLOSED TO SEVENTEEN PLUS FIVE COLLEGES
AT SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU).

2. ESTIMATED 500 STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED AT SOGANG UNIVERSITY
ON OCTOBER 17, BEGINNING AT 1000 AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT DAY.
AMERICAN OBSERVERS NOTED THERE WERE CLASHES BETWEEN STUDENTS
AND RIOT POLICE, STONES WERE THROWN AND TEAR GAS WAS
EMPLOYED. SOGANG HAS NOT ANNOUNCED SUSPENSION OF LECTURES
OR HOME STUDY TO DATE.

3. BEGINNING OCTOBER 17, SNU SUSPENDED LECTURES AT
BOTH COLLEGE OF LAW AND COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS.
LAW SCHOOL HAS ANNOUNCED LECTURES WILL BEGIN AGAIN
OCTOBER 25 BUT LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE HAS SET NO DATE FOR
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RESUMPTION OF CLASSES. SNU COLLEGES OF DENISTRY, MEDICINE

AND HOME ECONOMICS HAVE INSTRUCTED STUDENTS TO PERFORM HOME STUDY UNTIL OCTOBER 26. (CLASSES ARE CLOSED UNTIL OCTOBER 19 AT COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NOVEMBER 2 AT COLLEGE OF COMMERCE.)

4. INHA UNIVERSITY AT INCHON AND SUNGJON UNIVERSITY IN SEOUL HAVE SUSPENDED LECTURES UNTIL OCTOBER 26. PUSAN UNIVERSITY HAS ANNOUNCED SAME ACTION TO CONTINUE THROUGH OCTOBER 21. WON'GANG UNIVERSITY IN CHOLLA-PUKTO DECIDED TO CLOSE ITS DOORS FOR ONE WEEK BEGINNING OCTOBER 16.

5. CLOSINGS OF SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN PRESS THIS WEEK BUT DETAILS ON DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN MEAGER. ACCORDING TO USIS SOURCE, SOME REPORTERS AT HANKUK ILBO MET ON OCTOBER 14 AND PREPARED STATEMENT DEMANDING ROKG SUPERVISION OF NEWSPAPERS BE ENDED. THEY FURTHER DEMANDED THAT EDITORS RUN ALL NEWSWORTHY ITEMS RATHER THAN BOW TO GOVERNMENT CONTROLS. MANAGEMENT REPORTEDLY DID NOT REPLY TO STATEMENT BUT NEWSPAPERS' REPORTING HAS BEEN FULLER THIS WEEK.
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